

CHANGES IN THE BRITISH FLEET

Lord Selborne Announces a
New Plan of Distribution.

OLD BATTLESHIPS DISCARDED

BRITANNIA INTENDS TO RULE THE WAVE.

London, Dec. 10.—In an official memorandum issued today dealing with the future distribution and mobilization of the British fleet Lord Selborne, first lord of the admiralty, makes some interesting remarks on the causes necessitating a revision of the strategic principles which up to the present time have governed the distribution of the fleet. "From the period when the electric telegraph did not exist and the world was a single village," he says, "the world has become a single village, and the world's navies are now distributed throughout the world in accordance with the world's needs."

"In the western hemisphere," he says, "the United States is forming a navy, the power and size of which will be limited only by the amount of money the American people choose to spend on it. In the eastern hemisphere a smaller, but modern navy, that of Japan, has been put to the test of war and not found wanting. The Russian navy has been greatly increased and with the exception of the Black sea fleet has been wholly transferred to the Pacific. The navies of Italy and Austria have maintained their positions in the Mediterranean, but the expenditure thereon has not been increased as in the case of other powers. The French navy stands as always in the fore front and a new German navy has come into existence. It is a navy of the most efficient type and so fortunately circumstanced that it is able to concentrate almost the whole of its fleet at home ports."

Recent Additions.

Dwelling on the improvement of the British fleet Lord Selborne remarks that all the old battleships have been replaced by modern ships, but "we still more significant and far-reaching fact is that Great Britain will have within this year twenty-six modern cruisers, built within four years of great speed, with armaments as powerful as that of battleships and altogether a great advance on anything which has preceded them."

In studying the questions of the distribution of the warships and the arrangements of stations, the admiralty, Lord Selborne continues, has been guided by the experience of Russia and Japan in the present war. The admiralty ideals were that the peace distribution of the fleet should also be its best strategic distribution for war and that the modern ships should always be in as perfect a condition of fitness for war as the commissioned ships.

Lord Selborne then details the fleet's changes. The home fleet, henceforth will be called the channel fleet, with headquarters at home. It will consist of twelve battleships and a sufficient number of cruisers. Affiliated to the channel and Atlantic fleets will be cruiser squadrons, each of six armored cruisers, commanded by rear admirals and detachable at any time for special service.

The South Atlantic squadron, under the new arrangement will remain as now constituted and will not disappear as was believed would be the case. The Mediterranean fleet will consist of eight battleships and attendant cruisers, with its base at the island of Malta.

The large cruisers attached to this fleet will be called the third cruiser squadron.

Aim of the Admiralty.

The aim of the admiralty has been to be sure that not more than two battleships of the channel fleet or one battleship of the Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets shall be in the dockyard at the same time.

Dealing with the cruisers in the extra European waters Lord Selborne says it has been decided to withdraw the less effective ships of the North American and West Indian station and to add to the station ships of a new particular service squadron which the admiralty has decided to constitute.

Naval cadets and boys training will hereafter be transferred from the training ships to this particular service squadron, which will be composed of six or eight modern fighting ships, which will be combined into one squadron for training under the command-in-chief of the North American station.

In conclusion Lord Selborne says the allotment of ships for the China station will be announced in the naval budget and outlines the places for the naval manoeuvres of 1905 and 1906, which will have for their object the testing of the new scheme which will result in a considerable saving in the estimates, and the object of which is that "on a declaration of war the fighting efficiency of the fleet shall be complete."

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Kuropatkin Reports Slight Success on the Shakhe.

JAPS ALSO CLAIM VICTORY

ARREST OF CAPTAIN CLADO CAUSES LITTLE COMMENT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—General Kuropatkin reports some unimportant encounters during the night of Dec. 8. Russian sharpshooters, reconnoitering south of Kentsyn, attacked a Japanese post, bayoneted a number of them and took eleven prisoners, of whom only four were wounded. The same night a number of Japanese attacks were made on Russian advanced trenchments near the railroad. They were all repulsed.

JAPANESE REPORTS.

Russians Said to Have Suffered a Repulse.

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The following announcement was made from imperial headquarters today:

"In the direction of the Shakhe river during the night of Dec. 8 the enemy's infantry attacked our outpost at Slantankou, but was repulsed. At 3 o'clock in the morning of Dec. 9 the enemy in unknown strength pressed our outpost in the neighborhood of the Shakhe River railroad, but was repulsed immediately. Subsequently at 5 a. m. the enemy attacked our outpost northeast of the railroad bridge. The enemy gradually increased in strength to about a battalion, pressed our outpost to envelop it from the northeast and westward simultaneously. The enemy fiercely shelled Lamunang from the direction of Hanchiapao and Sufangtai, but retreated at sunrise. The enemy seems to have sustained heavy losses, leaving several dead behind. Our casualties were two men slightly wounded."

In the direction of Heliuchuang on the morning of Dec. 8 our detachment dispatched in the direction of Sunshakou encountered thirty or forty troops, pursued and killed ten of them and reached Soutaitou in the afternoon. The Japanese sustained no casualties.

OYAMA MUST WAIT.

Reinforcements Had to Be Sent to General Nogi.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—A dispatch to the Tagblatt from Tokio says: "The reinforcement of the Manchurian armies is somewhat delayed through the necessity of renewing the strength of the besieging force at Port Arthur owing to the heavy losses sustained in attacking the fortifications. The losses during the storming of the outworks of Riblung mountain and Sungshu mountain from Sept. 20 to Sept. 30 are generally placed in Tokio at 12,000. The superiority of the Russian artillery is admitted and the skillful firing under General Nikitin, the Russian artillery commander at Port Arthur, excites the unstinted admiration of the Japanese, who found it necessary to equalize the artillery power by bringing heavy ordnance from their ships to oppose the Russian 28-centimetre guns with guns of the same calibre. Only after this heavy artillery has taken effect will the storming operations be resumed, which will hardly be before the middle of January. Skeptics regard the middle of February as being more likely for decisive operations."

AID FOR RUSSIA.

Ten Torpedo Boats Have Been Built in This Country.

New York, Dec. 10.—Nine torpedo boats built at Perth Amboy, N. J., for the Russian government have been completed and will leave the yards today. They have been taken apart and loaded in a barge, to be towed to New York and shipped as merchandise on a liner.

The tenth boat will cross the ocean under its own power. Two six-cylinder gasoline engines have been installed. Each is expected to develop 300-horse power and drive the little boat at a speed of twenty knots. The crew of eight men is already aboard the boat, which is eighty feet long. Below deck it is not possible to stand erect, for there is only a five-foot space. Should the passage be stormy the crew will be almost as effectually bottled-up as if in a submarine. The only entrance to the compartments below deck is through a conning tower, from which the boat is navigated.

Each boat will carry one torpedo tube. One of the five water-tight compartments into which the hull is divided will contain the spare torpedoes.

CLADO'S ARREST.

Russian Papers Merely Print the Text of the Order.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 10.—The arrest of Captain Clado yesterday evening by order of the Grand Duke Alexis, the high admiral, for criticising the grand duke and the admiralty, is treated very quietly in the morning papers, which merely print the official text of the order. The Novoye Vremya, which has been printing Clado's articles which led to the government's action, makes no comment on the arrest, but presses the question of opening the Dardanelles, the closing of which is characterized as "an unnatural arrangement and piece of antiquated diplomacy," and renews Clado's own arguments that the convention closing the straits should be modified.

Other papers, while silent on the question of the Black sea fleet, urge the strengthening of Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron. The Russ. in a long article declares that the formation of a third squadron would occupy months, but says that at least the battleship Admiral Senilavin and the cruiser Otchakov could be dispatched in time to catch up with Rojestvensky somewhere in the Indian ocean, and urges that their preparation and that of other vessels of the Baltic fleet should be rushed without a moment's delay.

BROKER SUSPENDED.

New York, Dec. 10.—Suspension of Fred F. Reichner, a member of the Consolidated Stock exchange, was announced today. Officials of the exchange say that Mr. Reichner was involved in a dispute over a stock exchange transaction with another member. He was directed to pay over certain sums in settlement of the dispute. His failure to do so resulted in his suspension.

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"Shout, then," replied the professor; "make a noise with the others, for we need it."

"I was studying once, in Berlin," he continued, to the students, "and we were drilled in some of the great oratorio choruses every noon by Herr H—"

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"Oh, I replied, 'I cannot sing a note, and should only put the others out.'"

"Bah!" returned the great man. "In the chorus your voice will be grand. I have missed it already, and shall look for you at the next rehearsal."

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